



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held July 18, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“The Permanent Partners Program (P3) continues to be a successful program in foster children being reunified with birth parents, connected with adults who have expressed an interest in adoptions or potential legal guardianships. However, in the case of Melinda, the daughter of Thomas Smith, it is apparent that County departments must strengthen the coordination and collaboration of parent reunification when a child enters the foster care system.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Burke being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Directed the Office of Independent Review to investigate the steps taken by the Departments of Children and Family Services and Child Support Services in the Melinda T. case, with a report back to the Board on its findings and recommendations for improvement;
2. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the New Directions Task Force to develop an action plan that strengthens the coordination and collaboration of the Departments of Children and Family Services, Mental Health, Health Services, Public Social Services, and Child Support Services, in searching for noncustodial parents at the point-of-entry of a child in the foster care system; and

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3. Directed the Director of Child Support Services to work with County Counsel and the Department of Children and Family Services, in establishing a tracking system to find noncustodial parents paying for child support as a process of reunifying children during the point of entry of the foster care system.

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